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1. YOU MAY RESPOND TO QUERIES ABOUT CURRENT STATE OF
US- ALBANIAN RELATIONS (REFTELS) BY NOTING THAT DEPUTY
SECRETARY'S APRIL 4 ADDRESS AT ANNAPOLIS DEALT WITH
EASTERN EUROPE AND REVIEWED US EFFORTS TO DEVELOP
NORMAL AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS WHEREVER
POSSIBLE. THE STATEMENT CONTAINED A PARAGRAPH ON
ALBANIA, IN WHICH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY NOTED THAT ONLY
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WITH ALBANIA HAD THERE BEEN NO VISIBLE PROGRESS BUT THAT IF ALBANIA WISHED TO RESUME RELATIONS, IT WOULD FIND US PREPARED TO RESPOND. THIS STATEMENT IS IN LINE WITH OUR APPROACH TO EASTERN EUROPE, INCLUDING ALBANIA, IN SECRETARY'S ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY REPORTS AND MOST RECENT REPORT BY PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS, WHICH MAKE CLEAR THAT WE SEEK NORMALIZATION IN OUR RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES IN THE AREA BUT ARE WILLING TO LET THESE COUNTRIES THEMSELVES DETERMINE THE PACE AND SCOPE OF THEIR DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT RUMORS THAT ALBANIA AND THE US HAVE BEGUN DISCUSSIONS ON

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, YOU MAY SAY THAT THESE HAVE NO BASIS IN FACT.

2. FYI. SINCE THERE ARE NO US- ALBANIAN DISCUSSIONS ON RESUMING RELATIONS, WE WANT TO AVOID CONVEYING ANY FALSE IMPRESSIONS. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY ALBANIAN REACTION TO RUSH ADDRESS. ROGERS

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